

Hospice supports the basic human needs for feeling comfortable, in a familiar environment, surrounded by loving caregivers and family during the later stages of life. Hospice care is an effective model for the interaction of interdisciplinary teams of health professionals, family members and volunteers in providing care for those needing care in our communities.

The movement to provide health care and supportive services in the home environment has evolved rapidly over the past few decades. Home care services typically bring the expertise and compassion of providers in numerous disciplines into the setting where most sick patients prefer to reside—the home. More than 11 million Americans benefit each year from this approach.

We have made great strides in advancing care for all Americans through the recently enacted Affordable Care Act. A key provision in this effort is the establishment of a Medicare hospice concurrent care demonstration program, which would allow patients who are eligible for hospice care to also receive all other Medicare covered services during the same period of time. Following establishment of this program, I am hopeful that this country will move in a direction where individuals and families do not have to make the difficult choice between hospice and curative care in the Medicare Program.

On behalf of Oregon home health and hospice providers celebrating November as home care and hospice month, I thank the thousands of everyday heroes such as home health nurses, therapists, and aides, who work tirelessly to provide professional health and palliative care and support to millions of Americans in need of quality health services. Their efforts allow families to stay together, and provide greater comfort and dignity to those in our communities.

THE JOHN HANSON NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a fellow Marylander, John Hanson, whose statue graces Statuary Hall here in the U.S. Capitol. George Washington is properly revered as the “Father of our Country” and the Nation’s first President. But we mustn’t overlook John Hanson’s seminal contributions to the birth of the United States. In October 1781, the British surrendered at Yorktown, VA, and the American Revolution was over. A month later, Hanson became the first elected President of the Continental Congress established under the Articles of Confederation. He was unanimously elected and served one term, from November 5, 1781 to November 3, 1782.

John Hanson’s administration began the task of creating the governmental infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing, diverse nation. Under his leadership, the Nation’s first central bank was created, along with the post

office, the departments of State, War and Treasury, the diplomatic corps, the national seal, and the annual observance of Thanksgiving Day. As the first elected President of our independent Nation, President Hanson began the task of unifying the former colonies and providing for their common defense, communication, and economic growth.

The John Hanson National Memorial Association now seeks to memorialize John Hanson and recognize his contributions to our Nation. The association proposes to create a national memorial on the Frederick County Courthouse courtyard, overlooking the site of the John Hanson House in Frederick, MD. Funds also will be raised to establish a public education program regarding President Hanson’s contributions to our democracy. Funding also will be used to support the John Hanson Institute, which would restore and preserve President Hanson’s first home, Mulberry Grove, on the banks of Port Tobacco River in Charles County, MD.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the efforts of the association to recognize our first elected President, John Hanson of Maryland.

RECOGNIZING EUHOFA

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I recognize and congratulate EUHOFA, an international association of hotel and hospitality schools, on the occasion of its 49th Congress, which was held in Providence, RI, from November 7 through November 12, 2010.

EUHOFA International was founded in Europe in 1955 with the mission of enhancing the quality of the training for the tourism industry throughout the world. Its members represent the world’s top hotel and hospitality colleges and universities in 45 countries. Representatives from 19 of these countries attended this year’s congress in Providence.

The 2010 EUHOFA Congress marks only the second time this event has taken place in the United States. This year, as in 1994, the EUHOFA Congress was hosted by Johnson & Wales University in Providence, which is home to one of our Nation’s premier hospitality schools.

The tourism industry is a vital part of my State and our Nation’s economy. Many people associate tourism solely with vacations. But at its heart, tourism provides an important bridge between countries and cultures, and at a time of great change, this kind of understanding is essential for our national security and economic recovery.

I am very proud that Rhode Island and Johnson & Wales University are hosting this great event. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, it is my pleasure to congratulate the 49th EUHOFA International World Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MARGOT ALLEN

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to Margot Allen, an exceptional employee, a dedicated patriot, an extraordinary woman, and a treasured friend, in celebration of her 70th birthday. Margot has been an invaluable part of my congressional team since our first campaign in 1994.

Raised in Alabama, Margot has the charm and grace of a true southern belle. Add to that her demand for precision and professionalism and her quick wit, and it explains why she has been known to elicit a, “Why, thank you!” from an obtuse obstructionist who has quite politely been told to “take a long walk off a short pier” in that captivating southern drawl.

Margot’s work on behalf of veterans and seniors in Nevada has earned her a stellar reputation as the authority among her peers and a miracle worker among those constituents who have benefited from her tenacious advocacy. She has gained the respect and admiration of those both in and out of government agencies with whom she collaborates. As a Regional Representative in my Las Vegas office, Margot has been a champion for Nevada’s servicemen and women, working tirelessly to resolve problems arising from bureaucracy or errors—often times being able to bring relief and hope to battle weary constituents. Her association with active duty and retirees from all branches of service coupled with her deep appreciation for the “Tradition of Honor and Legacy of Valor” has earned her profound admiration from privates and generals alike. At Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV, the Commanding Officer of the 99th Airbase Wing is often referred to as the “Mayor of Nellis.” However, anybody who has been stationed at Nellis will definitely concede that it is Margot who is the mayor. She knows everybody and everybody knows her.

Her passion for accuracy in grammar and written composition took her to the University of Alabama where she worked as a professor. Margot also taught English language skills to Panamanians while she and her beloved husband Leonard were living in Panama where he worked for the Department of Defense. Her love of the English language and her commitment to scholarship has not only served her well over the years but also become an unequalled resource for my staff and me. Margot provides the final inspection for every document that is sent from any of my offices. She calmly, methodically, and repeatedly teaches the placement of commas, patiently explains when healthcare is one word or two, and has been known to ask staff on more than one occasion, “Honey, why don’t you just tell me what you meant to say.”

I am very privileged as a United States Senator to work with a team of highly skilled, capable, and dedicated staff members who are committed to